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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s): ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

1. Claims 1-29 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Domon (U.S. Patent No. 6,678,781 B1).

In the claim 24, the admitted prior art teaches a first bus (bus # 1023) including first plurality of nodes (node #10, node #1...node#62) (see figure 3, page 3, lines 13-20, which the space represented by each bus number is a node table 32 including entries representing each node); a second bus including a second plurality of nodes (see figure 3, page 3, lines 13-20, which the space represented by each bus number is a node table 32 including entries representing each node).

However, the admitted prior art is silent to disclosing a routing device coupled to the first bus and the second bus.

Domon (U.S. Patent No. 6,678,781) discloses a topology map suitable for the network configuration system in a network composed of a plurality of IEEE 1394 serial buses joined by bridges (a routing device) (see col. 3, lines 35-37); comprising:
The routing device (bridges 10, 11, 12) coupled to the first bus (bus 50) and the second bus (bus 52) (see figure 4E);

Receiving a communication from one of the first plurality of node (see col. 2, lines 3-10), the communication including an address value having bus number (bus ID) and a node number (physical ID) (see col. 7, lines 1-14), together forming an address of the routing device (bridges 11, 12, 10, figures 4E), and a routing value (the routing value includes the bus ID and node number (physical ID) corresponding to the node which the router should route the packet) (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67) used to determine an address of a targeted one of the second plurality of nodes;

Extracting the routing value (bus ID and node number) from the address value within the communication (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67);

remapping the address value of the communication to correspond to the address of the targeted one of the second plurality of node utilizing the routing value (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67);

transmitting the remapped communication with the remapped address on the second bus to the targeted one of the second plurality of nodes (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the admitted prior art with the teaching of Domon to provide the routing device which coupled the first bus and the second bus in order to perform the whole routing map setting after a bus ID has been assigned to every bus.

4. In the claim 1, the admitted prior art teaches a first bus (bus # 1023) including first plurality of nodes (node #10, node #1...node#62) (see figure 3, page 3, lines 13-20, which the space represented by each bus number is a node table 32 including entries

representing each node); a second bus including a second plurality of nodes (see figure 3, page 3, lines 13-20, which the space represented by each bus number is a node table 32 including entries representing each node).

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Extracting the routing value (bus ID and node number) from the address value within the communication (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67);
remapping the address value of the communication to correspond to the address of the targeted one of the second plurality of node utilizing the routing value (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67);

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transmitting the remapped communication with the remapped address on the second bus to the targeted one of the second plurality of nodes (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the admitted prior art with the teaching of Domon to provide the routing device which coupled the first bus and the second bus in order to perform the whole routing map setting after a bus ID has been assigned to every bus.

5. In the claim 7, the admitted prior art teaches a first bus (bus # 1023) including first plurality of nodes (node #10, node #1...node#62) (see figure 3, page 3, lines 13-20, which the space represented by each bus number is a node table 32 including entries representing each node); a second bus including a second plurality of nodes (see figure 3, page 3, lines 13-20, which the space represented by each bus number is a node table 32 including entries representing each node).

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Receiving a communication from one of the first plurality of node (see col. 2, lines 3-10), the communication including an address value having bus number (bus ID) and a node

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number (physical ID) (see col. 7, lines 1-14), together forming an address of the routing device (bridges 11, 12, 10, figures 4E), and a routing value (the routing value includes the bus ID and node number (physical ID) corresponding to the node which the router should route the packet) (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67) used to determine an address of a targeted one of the second plurality of nodes;

Extracting the routing value (bus ID and node number) from the address value within the communication (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67);

remapping the address value of the communication to correspond to the address of the targeted one of the second plurality of node utilizing the routing value (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67);

transmitting the remapped communication with the remapped address on the second bus to the targeted one of the second plurality of nodes (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the admitted prior art with the teaching of Domon to provide the routing device which coupled the first bus and the second bus in order to perform the whole routing map setting after a bus ID has been assigned to every bus.

6. In the claim 12, the admitted prior art teaches a first bus (bus # 1023) including first plurality of nodes (node #10, node #1...node#62) (see figure 3, page 3, lines 13-20, which the space represented by each bus number is a node table 32 including entries representing each node); a second bus including a second plurality of nodes (see figure

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Receiving a communication from one of the first plurality of node (see col. 2, lines 3-10), the communication including an address value having bus number (bus ID) and a node number (physical ID) (see col. 7, lines 1-14), together forming an address of the routing device (bridges 11, 12, 10, figures 4E), and a routing value (the routing value includes the bus ID and node number (physical ID) corresponding to the node which the router should route the packet) (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67) used to determine an address of a targeted one of the second plurality of nodes;

Extracting the routing value (bus ID and node number) from the address value within the communication (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67);

remapping the address value of the communication to correspond to the address of the targeted one of the second plurality of node utilizing the routing value (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67);

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transmitting the remapped communication with the remapped address on the second bus to the targeted one of the second plurality of nodes (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the admitted prior art with the teaching of Domon to provide the routing device which coupled the first bus and the second bus in order to perform the whole routing map setting after a bus ID has been assigned to every bus.

7. In the claim 18, the admitted prior art teaches a first bus (bus # 1023) including first plurality of nodes (node #10, node #1...node#62) (see figure 3, page 3, lines 13-20, which the space represented by each bus number is a node table 32 including entries representing each node); a second bus including a second plurality of nodes (see figure 3, page 3, lines 13-20, which the space represented by each bus number is a node table 32 including entries representing each node).

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remapping the address value of the communication to correspond to the address of the targeted one of the second plurality of node utilizing the routing value (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67);

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8. In the claims 2, 13, 19, 25, Domon discloses the communication is a bus packet (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67).

9. In the claims 3, 8, 14, 20, 26, the admitted prior art discloses the routing value includes the address of the second node and an offset value within memory space of

the second node (see page 3, line 20, the address offset with the node itself is specified).

10. In the claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, Domon discloses remapping the address value (bus ID and node number (physical ID) of the communication includes utilizing a table index value (the routing map) within the routing value to obtain the address of the second node from a location with a routing table (the routing map) corresponding to the table index value (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67).

11. In the claims 5, 11, 17, 23, 29, Domon discloses the first bus and second bus both substantially comply with a version of an IEEE Std 1394 standard (see col. 7, lines 5-14, col. 8, lines 52-67).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuong Ho whose telephone number is (703) 306-4529. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM to 4:00PM.

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